

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the House of Representatives in honor and loving  
2 memory of Michael Timothy Swift.

3 WHEREAS, Michael Timothy Swift was born in Louisville on October 17, 1950,  
4 the cherished son of the late Timothy and Margaret Swift; and

5 WHEREAS, Mike Swift graduated from DeSales High School in 1968 before  
6 earning his bachelor's and master's degrees at Western Kentucky University; and

7 WHEREAS, Mike Swift served as an athletic trainer for WKU's sports teams, and  
8 was affectionately known as "Gentle Ben." He would return to Barren County after  
9 graduation, and in 1974 he was hired to form the Barren County Emergency Medical  
10 Services, which he admirably served as Director; and

11 WHEREAS, Mike Swift admirably ran that organization for nearly 42 years,  
12 retiring in 2016. He also served as Barren County Coroner for 27 years, and received  
13 many commendations and awards for his many accomplishments on behalf of emergency  
14 services in his community and across this great Commonwealth; and

15 WHEREAS, Michael Timothy Swift, beloved husband, father, and grandfather,  
16 departed this earthly life and entered into the kingdom of Heaven on March 6, 2017,  
17 leaving his family, friends, and all those whose lives he touched in solemn mourning; and

18 WHEREAS, Mike Swift was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Sherryl  
19 Ann Swift. He is survived by his children, Schelly Vance, Beth Walden (J.D.), Johnny  
20 Vance (Laura), Jamie Swift (Faith), and Jason Swift; grandchildren, Ben Payne, Jesse  
21 Payne, Mary Kate Vance, Grady Vance, Everly Swift, and a baby due in April; brother,  
22 David Swift (Pam); and a host of other family members, friends, and loved ones who will  
23 dearly miss his presence in their lives;

24 NOW, THEREFORE,

25 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*  
26 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

27 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby express their

1 most profound sympathy upon the passing of Michael Timothy Swift, and extend  
2 heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and community in this time of loss.

3 ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in  
4 honor and loving memory of Michael Timothy Swift.

5 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a  
6 copy of this Resolution to Representative Steve Riley for delivery to the family.